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Serial No.: 09/640,155) Examiner: Unknown
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In compliance with applicant's duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, and, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the information contained in the following documents for consideration during the examination of the above-referenced patent application:

FOREIGN PATENTS


<u>Country</u>	<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
Germany	DE19638176	April 16, 1998
Japan	JP 08236263	Sept. 13, 1996

A completed form PTO-1449 is enclosed as well as a copy of each of the references.

The above-referenced patent application, as noted, was filed August 16, 2000. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(2), inasmuch as the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement occurred on November 13, 2000, within three months of the filing of this application, no fee is due.

This Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and should not be construed as a representation that any particular reference is, in fact, prior art, that a search has been made or that no other, better material information as defined by 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) exists.

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